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From: Wilson, Eric
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:36 PM
To: Rodriguez, Elias; Morse, Bob; Pocze, Doug
Subject: RE: Action Requested: Media inquiry: Seneca Army Depot Activity Superfund Site

Looks good. You have my okay to move this forward.

From: Rodriguez, Elias
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Wilson, Eric <Wilson.EricJ@epa.gov>; Morse, Bob <Morse.Bob@epa.gov>; Pocze, Doug <Pocze.Doug@epa.gov>
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Bob, this is perfect. Thanks.

Eric, Please review and approve as Acting for Pat so that I can move it up for the RA's ok.

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Elias,

I have answered the questions below as directly as possible. See attached fact sheet for your reference. I fixed the date.

Bob

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Importance: High

Hi Doug and Bob,

By way of this email, Public Affairs, Office of the Regional Administrator is requesting your review, feedback and input as soon as you are able, so that PAD can formulate a draft response to this inquiry from the news media. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated. WE NEED YOUR ANSWERS BY: noon tomorrow, May 17. THANK YOU!

STATUS: Open

PAD CONTACT: Elias Rodriguez

Reporter: James Gilbert, WROC-TV News 8, Tel. 585-532-9366, JGilbert@wroctv.com

Question(s) from reporter and proposed responses:

I'm inquiring about testing that is being done next month for hazardous materials at the Seneca Army Depot Activity Superfund Site. We inquired about the Depot at the end of March and early April with DEC. From the response of DEC's Kevin Frasier on April 2, concentrations of PFOA and PFOS in groundwater was in exceedance of the HAL for drinking water and all agencies were working and reviewing a work plan for the Expanded Site Investigation that would begin in May of 2019.

1. Has the Expanded Site Investigation begun?

Yes. The fieldwork and sampling began on May 6, 2019.

2. If not, why? When is it expected to begin. (Public Affairs Note: For the RA's reference, please briefly describe the scope of this work or provide some context).

See above. For the RA's reference see attached fact sheet. Let me know if that's too much.

3. Can we have a camera crew present to cover this work once it starts.

The cleanup of this facility is being led by the Department of Defense with EPA oversight. For permission to access the federal facility, please contact:

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WE NEED SEMD TO INSERT A POINT OF CONTACT: NAME, EMAIL AND TEL. HERE. THANK YOU.

On a more general note, please note that EPA is seeking public comment on a draft set of recommendations for cleaning up groundwater contaminated with PFOA and PFOS. When finalized, the recommendations will provide a starting point for making site-specific cleanup decisions. The guidance is based on the EPA's current scientific understanding of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) toxicity and is intended to provide clear and consistent guidance for federal cleanup programs, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, commonly referred to as "Superfund"). For details on that and more, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

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